

SSB 5048 - S AMD 139

By Senator Baumgartner

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1 On page 317, after line 33 insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 976. RCW 28B.15.067 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s
4 3 are each amended to read as follows:

5 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of
6 this chapter.

7 (2) Beginning in the 2011-12 academic year and through the 2014-
8 15 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time tuition fees
9 shall be as provided in the omnibus appropriations act for resident
10 undergraduate students at community and technical colleges.

11 (3)(a) In the 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years, tuition
12 operating fees for resident undergraduates at community and
13 technical colleges excluding applied baccalaureate degrees as
14 defined in RCW 28B.50.030, shall be five percent less than the 2014-
15 15 academic year tuition operating fee.

16 (b) In the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years, tuition operating
17 fees for resident undergraduates at community and technical colleges
18 shall remain the same as the fee set in the 2016-17 academic year.

19 (c) Beginning in the ((2017-18)) 2019-20 academic year, tuition
20 operating fees for resident undergraduates at community and
21 technical colleges excluding applied baccalaureate degrees as
22 defined in RCW 28B.50.030, may increase by no more than the average
23 annual percentage growth rate in the median hourly wage for
24 Washington for the previous fourteen years as the wage is determined
25 by the federal bureau of labor statistics.

26 (4) The governing boards of the state universities, regional
27 universities, and The Evergreen State College; and the state board

1 for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-
2 time tuition fees for all students other than resident
3 undergraduates, including nonresident students, summer school
4 students, and students in other self-supporting degree programs.
5 Percentage increases in full-time tuition may exceed the fiscal
6 growth factor. Except during the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the
7 state board for community and technical colleges may pilot or
8 institute differential tuition models. The board may define scale,
9 scope, and rationale for the models.

10 (5)(a) Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year and through the
11 end of the 2014-15 academic year, the governing boards of the state
12 universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State
13 College may reduce or increase full-time tuition fees for all
14 students, including summer school students and students in other
15 self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time
16 tuition fees may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Reductions or
17 increases may be made for all or portions of an institution's
18 programs, campuses, courses, or students; however, during the 2013-
19 2015 fiscal biennium, reductions or increases in tuition must be
20 uniform among resident undergraduate students.

21 (b) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic
22 year, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional
23 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall consult with
24 existing student associations or organizations with student
25 undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of
26 potential tuition increases. Each governing board shall make public
27 its proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days before
28 the governing board of the institution considers adoption and allow
29 opportunity for public comment. However, the requirement to make
30 public a proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days
31 before the governing board considers adoption shall not apply if the
32 omnibus appropriations act has not passed the legislature by May
33 15th. Governing boards shall be required to provide data regarding
34 the percentage of students receiving financial aid, the sources of

1 aid, and the percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by
2 aid.

3 (c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic
4 year, the state board for community and technical college system
5 shall consult with existing student associations or organizations
6 with undergraduate student representation regarding the impacts of
7 potential tuition increases. The state board for community and
8 technical colleges shall provide data regarding the percentage of
9 students receiving financial aid, the sources of aid, and the
10 percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

11 (6)(a) In the 2015-16 academic year, full-time tuition operating
12 fees for resident undergraduates for state universities, regional
13 universities, The Evergreen State College, and applied baccalaureate
14 degrees as defined in RCW 28B.50.030 shall be five percent less than
15 the 2014-15 academic year tuition operating fee.

16 (b) Beginning with the 2016-17 academic year, full-time tuition
17 operating fees for resident undergraduates for:

18 (i) State universities shall be fifteen percent less than the
19 2014-15 academic year tuition operating fee; and

20 (ii) Regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and
21 applied baccalaureate degrees as defined in RCW 28B.50.030 shall be
22 twenty percent less than the 2014-15 academic year tuition operating
23 fee.

24 (c) In the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years, full-time tuition
25 operating fees for resident undergraduates in (a) of this subsection
26 shall remain the same as the fee set in the 2016-17 academic year.

27 (d) Beginning with the ((2017-18)) 2019-20 academic year, full-
28 time tuition operating fees for resident undergraduates in (a) of
29 this subsection may increase by no more than the average annual
30 percentage growth rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for
31 the previous fourteen years as the wage is determined by the federal
32 bureau of labor statistics.

33 (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not
34 apply to high school students enrolling in participating

1 institutions of higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through
2 28A.600.400.

3 (8) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not
4 apply to eligible students enrolling in a dropout reengagement
5 program through an interlocal agreement between a school district
6 and a community or technical college under RCW 28A.175.100 through
7 28A.175.110.

8 (9) The legislative advisory committee to the committee on
9 advanced tuition payment established in RCW 28B.95.170 shall:

10 (a) Review the impact of differential tuition rates on the
11 funded status and future unit price of the Washington advanced
12 college tuition payment program; and

13 (b) No later than January 14, 2013, make a recommendation to the
14 appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature
15 regarding how differential tuition should be addressed in order to
16 maintain the ongoing solvency of the Washington advanced college
17 tuition payment program.

18 (10) As a result of any changes in tuition under section 3,
19 chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess., the governing boards of the
20 state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen
21 State College shall not reduce resident undergraduate enrollment
22 below the 2014-15 academic year levels."

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24 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
25 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Freezes resident undergraduate tuition operating fees
in the 2017-19 biennium.

FISCAL IMPACT: 2017-19: None
Four-Year Total: None

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